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In re Application of:

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For: POLYMER WITH PENDENT CYCLIC
OLEFINIC FUNCTIONS FOR OXYGEN
SCAVENGING PACKAGING

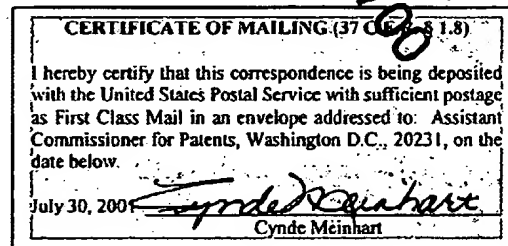
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Sir:



This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2001, and a Request for Continued Examination is being filed simultaneously.

Apart from the fee for the RCE, which is being submitted with that paper, it is believed that no fee is due for this response. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 are required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2039.001600KDG.

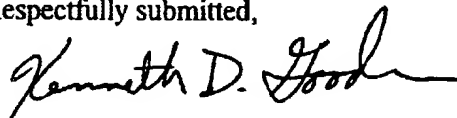
Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

composites having oxygen scavenging layers with functional layers. Again, in view of the clear distinctions between the claimed terpolymers and the teachings of Nordstrom, the claims are nonobvious over all three references, whether viewed alone or in combination.

5. Conclusion

In summary, Applicants believe all pending claims (99-194) are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4094 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to this response.

Respectfully submitted,



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